

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

### 1. (Currently Amended)

A toner comprising external additives, a resin and a colorant;

wherein the toner is obtained by carrying out a step of salting-out/fusing resin particles and colorant particles in a water-base medium,

the toner satisfying the following relationship:

$$0.88 \leq F25/F50 \leq 1.0$$

where F25 represents an adhesive stress at a toner temperature of 25°C, and F50 represents an adhesive stress at a toner temperature of 50°C.

the toner has a peak or a shoulder in a molecular weight distribution range from 100,000 to 1,000,000, and from 1,000 to 50,000, and

the external additives comprise

a small-sized external additive having a number average primary particle diameter of 30 nm or less, and

a large-sized external additive having a number average primary particle diameter of 100 nm or more.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended)

The toner of claim 5 1, wherein ~~one of~~ the external additives ~~is a large-sized~~ further comprises a medium-sized external additive having a number average primary particle diameter larger than that of the small-sized external additive, and of 15 to 70 nm.

Claims 7-17 (Canceled)

18. (New)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the toner has a shape factor in a range of 1.0 to 1.5, and a coefficient of variation of shape factor in a range of 16% or less.

19. (New)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the large-sized external additive has the number average primary particle diameter in a range of 100 to 2000 nm.

20. (New)

The toner of claim 19, wherein the small-sized external additive has the number average primary particle diameter in a range of 5 to 25 nm.

21. (New)

The toner of claim 20, wherein the small-sized external additive is present in an amount of 0.3 to 1.5 parts by mass of the small-sized external additive with respect to 1 part by mass of the large-sized external additive.

22. (New)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the F25 is in a range of 300 to 800 N/m<sup>2</sup>.

23. (New)

The toner of claim 22, wherein the F50 is in a range of 400 to 900 N/m<sup>2</sup>.

24. (New)

The toner of claim 23, wherein the F25 is in a range of 400 to 600 N/m<sup>2</sup>.

25. (New)

The toner of claim 24, wherein the F50 is in a range of 450 to 700 N/m<sup>2</sup>.

26. (New)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the small-sized external additive is present in an amount of 0.3 to 1.5 parts by mass of the small-sized external additive with respect to 1 part by mass of the large-sized external additive.

27. (New)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the small-sized external additive has the number average primary particle diameter in a range of 5 to 25 nm.

28. (New)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the small-sized external additive comprises one or more inorganic oxides selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, titania, zirconia, barium titanate, aluminum titanate, strontium titanate, magnesium titanate, zinc oxide, chromium oxide, ceric oxide, antimony oxide, tungstic oxide, tin oxide, tellurium oxide, manganese oxide, boron oxide, silicon carbide, boron carbide, titanium carbide, silicon nitride, titanium nitride, and boron nitride.

29. (New)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the large-sized external additive comprises one or more inorganic oxides selected from the group consisting of titania, zirconia, alumina, silica, strontium titanate, barium titanate, and calcium titanate.

30. (New)

A toner comprising a resin, a colorant and a large-sized external additive having a number average primary particle diameter of 100 nm or more;

wherein the toner is obtained by carrying out a step of salting-out/fusing resin particles and colorant particles in a water-base medium;

the toner satisfying the following relationship:  $0.88 \leq F25/F50 \leq 1.0$  where F25 represents an adhesive stress at a toner temperature of 25°C, and F50 represents an adhesive stress at a toner temperature of 50°C,

the toner has a peak or a shoulder in a molecular weight distribution range from 100,000 to 1,000,000, and from 1,000 to 50,000, and

the large-sized external additive comprises one or more inorganic oxides.

31. (New)

The toner of claim 30, wherein the toner has a shape factor in a range of 1.0 to 1.5, and a coefficient of variation of shape factor in a range of 16% or less.

32. (New)

The toner of claim 31, wherein the large-sized external additive has a number average primary particle diameter in a range of 100 to 2000 nm.

33. (New)

A toner comprising external additives, a resin and a colorant;

wherein the toner satisfying the following relationship:  $0.88 \leq F25/F50 \leq 1.0$  where F25 represents an adhesive stress at a toner temperature of 25°C, and F50 represents an adhesive stress at a toner temperature of 50°C,

the toner has a peak or a shoulder in a molecular weight distribution range from 100,000 to 1,000,000, and from 1,000 to 50,000,

the external additives comprise

a small-sized external additive having a  
number average primary particle diameter  
of 30 nm or less, and

a large-sized external additive having a  
number average primary particle diameter of  
100 nm or more.

34. (New)

The toner of claim 33, wherein the large-sized  
external additive has the number average primary particle  
diameter in a range of 100 to 2000 nm, and

the small-sized external additive has the number  
average primary particle diameter in a range of 5 to 25 nm.

35. (New)

The toner of claim 34, wherein the small-sized  
external additive is present in an amount of 0.3 to 1.5  
parts by mass of the small-sized external additive with  
respect to 1 part by mass of the large-sized external  
additive.